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February 15, 1901

CAIRO, ILL., February 9, 1901.

SIR : I have the honor to report for the week ended February 9, 1901, new cases of smallpox in this city, 4. Number of cases under treatment at beginning of week, 4 ; new cases during week, 4 ; discharged during week, 2 ; remaining at end of week, 6. Total cases December 22, 1900, to February 9, 1901, 27. No deaths.

At Beechwood, Pulaski County, Ill., there are 2 new cases. Number of cases under treatment at beginning of week, 3 ; new cases during week, 2 ; discharged during week, none ; remaining under treatment at end of week, 5. Total cases reported February 2, 1901, to February 9, 1901, 5. No deaths.

The president of the village board of health of Beechwood, Dr. C. J. Boswell, thinks the infection probably originated at Fulton, Ky., or some point near there on the I. C. R. R.

Respectfully, JOHN MILTON HOLT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Smallpox in Clay County, Tex.

HENRIETTA, TEX., February 1, 1901.

SIR : Relative to smallpox in this, Clay County, we have had to date 116 cases with 3 deaths—a man, 47 years old, rather delicate, with confluent hemorrhagic type, complicated by pleuro-pneumonia ; a girl, 3 years old, confluent type, complicated by illeo collitis, and an old lady, demented (I did not see her), no complications. We have possibly 8 or 10 cases yet but all about convalescent. Will release all in two weeks. Will then be free unless we get a new invasion. It has been very mild, partially due, I think, to the very mild weather we have had. I have fumigated with brimstone, wood alcohol, and formaldehyd, burning all mattresses, all books, etc., used during the eruptive stage.

Respectfully, E. A. JOHNSTON,
Health Officer.

Reports from the Mexican border.

El Paso, Tex., February 2, 1901—Inspection service.—I have the honor to transmit herewith summary of work at this station for the week ended February 2, 1901 : Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 147 ; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 30 ; inspection Mexican immigrants, 37 ; disinfection bedding, clothing, etc., of immigrants, 28 pieces ; disinfection soiled linen imported for laundry work, 327 pieces ; disinfection of Pullman soiled linen, 3,379 pieces ; vaccination of immigrants' children, 4.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., February 4, 1901—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended February 2, 1901 : Number of passenger trains entering from Mexico inspected, 14 ; persons on trains from Mexico inspected and entered, 396 ; immigrants inspected and passed, 45 ; Pullman Company linen disinfected before shipment to laundry, 5,010 pieces.

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.